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LOK SABHA

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that class IV employees of the various Municipal Corporations are susceptible to diseases while cleaning up the sewage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide safety equipments to these workers while working; and

(d) the measures initiated by the Government for regular health check ups of such employees?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Urban Development has not received any information from any of the ULBs/State Governments regarding the Municipal Corporation`s class IV employees suffering from diseases while cleaning up the sewers.

(c)&(d): Operation and maintenance of sewers including cleaning of sewers and regular health check up of class IV employees is a subject matter being dealt with by Municipal Corporations/ Municipalities across the country. As such, responsibility to provide necessary safety equipments to class IV workers while working along with their regular health check up is also with the concerned Municipal Corporations/ Municipalities. However, the Ministry of Urban Development has brought out `Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment`, second edition, wherein chapter-8, Para 8.10.3 and 8.11 specifically deals with infections and safety equipments.